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Dear Scouting colleagues,

I was pleased to advise you on 25 May and then [update you on 11 June](#) about our plans for moving out of the strict COVID-19 isolation and physical distancing regulations. Face-to-face Scouting is on its way back. I know there are thousands of youth members and Leaders and their families who are excited to know we will be able to resume – albeit limited – coming back together again.

For many of you, it's been your positivity, innovation and Scout spirit that has kept Scouting going through what has been unprecedented times for us all. Thank you.

As we transition out of the distancing conditions of the past 8-10 weeks, we recognise that some of our Groups and families will be challenged in a number of ways – financially, with work, potential health concerns, even getting the Group re-energised.

This Leader News is a follow up to my note to you on [27 April](#) in which I outlined some of the relief and other opportunities available to you.

A dedicated team of Scout Leaders and professional staff have worked together to investigate further ways to help our Groups and families, including:

- Active Kids Rebate voucher - #2 voucher able to be used from 1 July
- Asset Management Fee – special payment arrangement
- Insurance relief

[Read more about these](#) and don't forget the relief that is already in place, including financial assistance for current members through the [Family Support Fund](#) and the [Emergency Bushfire Relief Fund and Drought Relief fund](#). There is also financial assistance available for [young people from a refugee background](#) who wish to join Scouting.

You'll also soon receive some more information about the second Active Kids Rebate voucher available to children and young people in NSW.

Please let us know if you have, or know of, anything else that we can share with your peers.

With best wishes,

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Tomkins".

Neville Tomkins OAM JP
Chief Commissioner
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To contact the Chief Commissioner, please email chief.commissioner@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Child Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a child safe organisation and implementing child safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

Remember

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the NSW State Office.

To make a report use the [online child protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email childprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Imminent Danger

If a young person is in imminent danger, the matter should be reported directly and immediately to NSW Police on 131 444.

Where a report is made to the police, you should also subsequently notify the NSW State Office.

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